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SUBJECT: LAO REGULATION OF FOREIGN PRESS BULLETINS

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1. AS REPORTED REF B, WE HAVE RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PERMISSION TO PUBLISH NEWS BULLETIN AND HAVE DEPOSITED ADVANCE COPIES. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY LPDR OBJECTION, WE DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 16 BULLETIN ON NOVEMBER 17, AND THIS WILL BE THE DAILY PATTERN IF ALL GOES WELL. IF LPDR PRECENSORS BULLETIN WE WILL, AS INSTRUCTED, STOP PUBLICATION.

2. WE WILL ALSO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED ALONG LINES PARA 3 AND 4 REF A. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PROCEED GENERALLY ALONG LINES PARA 2 REF A.

3. HOWEVER, IN REGARD TO PARA 1 REF A, WE WOULD REMIND THE DEPARTMENT THAT IN OUR EXPERIENCE LAO COMMUNISTS ARE CAPABLE OF INTERPRETING ANY USG OFFICIAL POLICY STATEMENT IN ANY WAY THEY PLEASE. 75 VIENTIANE 5671 (181055Z SEP 75) DESCRIBING PGNU VIOLENT REACTION TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON FINANCING PHASE TWO OF NAM NGUM DAM IS A CLEAR ILLUSTRATION OF THIS. LPDR COULD AT ANY TIME SIMILARLY INTERPRET OR MISINTERPRET ANYTHING THEY FIND IN THE BULLETIN. CORCORAN

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